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# FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA

## Report of the Fifth Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/49/571 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/786).

3. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 34th and 37th meetings, on 19 and 22 December 1994. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.34 and 37).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.29

4. At the 37th meeting, on 22 December, the representative of Australia introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" (A/C.5/49/L.29), submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.29 without a vote (see para. 6).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council renewed the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 950 (1994) of 21 October 1994,

Recalling also its decision 48/478 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was 48/247 B of 29 July 1994,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/49/571 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/786.

1. Takes note of the status of assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia as at 22 December 1994, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 5,721,960 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities due to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that all United Nations activities related to the Liberian peace process are administered in a coordinated fashion with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia a total amount of 17,548,300 dollars gross (16,887,800 dollars net) for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 22 April to 22 October 1994;

7. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 7,520,900 dollars gross (7,335,700 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/247 A of 5 April 1994, to apportion the amount of 10,027,400 dollars gross (9,552,100 dollars net) for the period from 22 April to 22 October 1994 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out by the Assembly in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out by the Assembly in its resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

8. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 475,300 dollars approved for the period ending 22 October 1994;

9. Decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 10,027,400 dollars gross (9,552,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 22 September 1993 to 21 April 1994;

10. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia the amount of 4,303,260 dollars gross (4,079,970 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 3 million dollars gross (2,864,400 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/229 of 23 December 1993 for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995;

11. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 4,303,260 dollars gross (4,079,970 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995, in accordance with the composition of groups set out by the General Assembly in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B, 45/269, 46/198 A and 47/218 A and its decision 48/472 A, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 3,629,255 dollars gross (3,440,939 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessment for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 674,005 dollars gross (639,031 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 13 January 1995, inclusive;

12. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 223,290 dollars approved for the period from 23 October 1994 to 13 January 1995, inclusive; 188,316 dollars being the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 34,974 dollars, for the period from 1 to 13 January 1995, inclusive;

13. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the remaining unencumbered balance of 2,402,500 dollars gross (2,800,700 dollars net) in respect of the period from 22 September 1993 to 21 April 1994;

14. Decides further, with regard to the period beyond 13 January 1995, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Observer Mission at a rate not to exceed 1,593,800 dollars gross (1,511,100 dollars net) per month for a period of six months for the maintenance of the Observer Mission, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 13 January 1995, and that the said amount shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

15. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be

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3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/___.

administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

16. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

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